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OF THE LEGO CLUB



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T-Shirt Offer  
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**NEW!**



Search the  
Stars for  
**Alien Life!**



Decode  
hidden  
Messages  
with Your  
Exploriens  
Decoder!

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new  
PossiBuildities

Explore the Unknown Universe with the

# EXPLORIENS



## 6856 Planetary Decoder

Explore a planet's surface and atmosphere with this spacecraft. Laser telescope radically rotates and engines awesomely adjust.

What galaxy is the best place to relax in?  
Clue decoder hidden here!  
• Try a roll lens here.



## Nova Hunter

Nova is the toughest of the Explorien adventurers. Not even a power blast from an alien phaser will phase him. He has yet to meet an alien who can outsmart him.

- Nova is the best Explorien at finding alien civilizations throughout the universe.

After a rough light-year of exploring, Nova likes to relax in the Whirlpool Galaxy and then soak up some infrared rays.

Favorite Food: Moon Pies  
Favorite TV Show: Nova, of course.  
Favorite Hobby: Crater biking  
Favorite Pet: Saturn 17-legged spider

Be very quiet,  
I'm tracking  
aliens!



## 6899 Nebula Outpost

Smile, Aliens. You're on Space TV. This mobile lab comes with a space camera, holographic screen, magnetic arms, and secret clue decoder.

Hey Kids!  
Enter the contest  
on page 15!



## 6854 Alien Fossilizer

This ground-scanning space vehicle is positively magnetic. Magnetic arm attracts alien clues and clue decoder helps you understand them.





# Ann Droid

Ann has been stationed on the Exploriens Android Base for several hundred light-years. She is one of the most valuable and fearless explorers in space. Ann is so valuable that many outer space outlaws like the Spyrius Robots try to snatch her away from the Exploriens.

Programmed by the original space cowboy, Nova Hunter, Ann is a one-of-a-kind alien finder.

Her one weakness is clearly her head. Ann must put No. 1,536 sunscreen over her entire head when she is out in the sun. Otherwise, her circuits could overheat and cause her to malfunction.



Use an Exploriens decoder or transparent red or blue LEGO pieces to decode the secret messages hidden throughout the magazine!



Favorite food: Circuit peanuts  
Favorite movie: Short Circuit  
Favorite comedy team: R2-D2 and C-3PO  
Favorite TV Show: Mystery Science Theater 3000

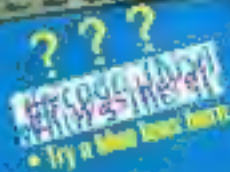


**6815 Hovertron**  
Super-speedy space scooter scans for alien secrets. Comes with hologram stickers.



**6958 Android Base**  
The space base that Exploriens call home. It comes with the works: ground cruiser, space plane, scanners, decoders, satellite dish, Ann Droid, and hologram stickers.

Check out the #6382 Exploriens Starship Wall Poster on page 8!





For Kids  
By Kids

# A ROYALLY

# COOL CREATIONS

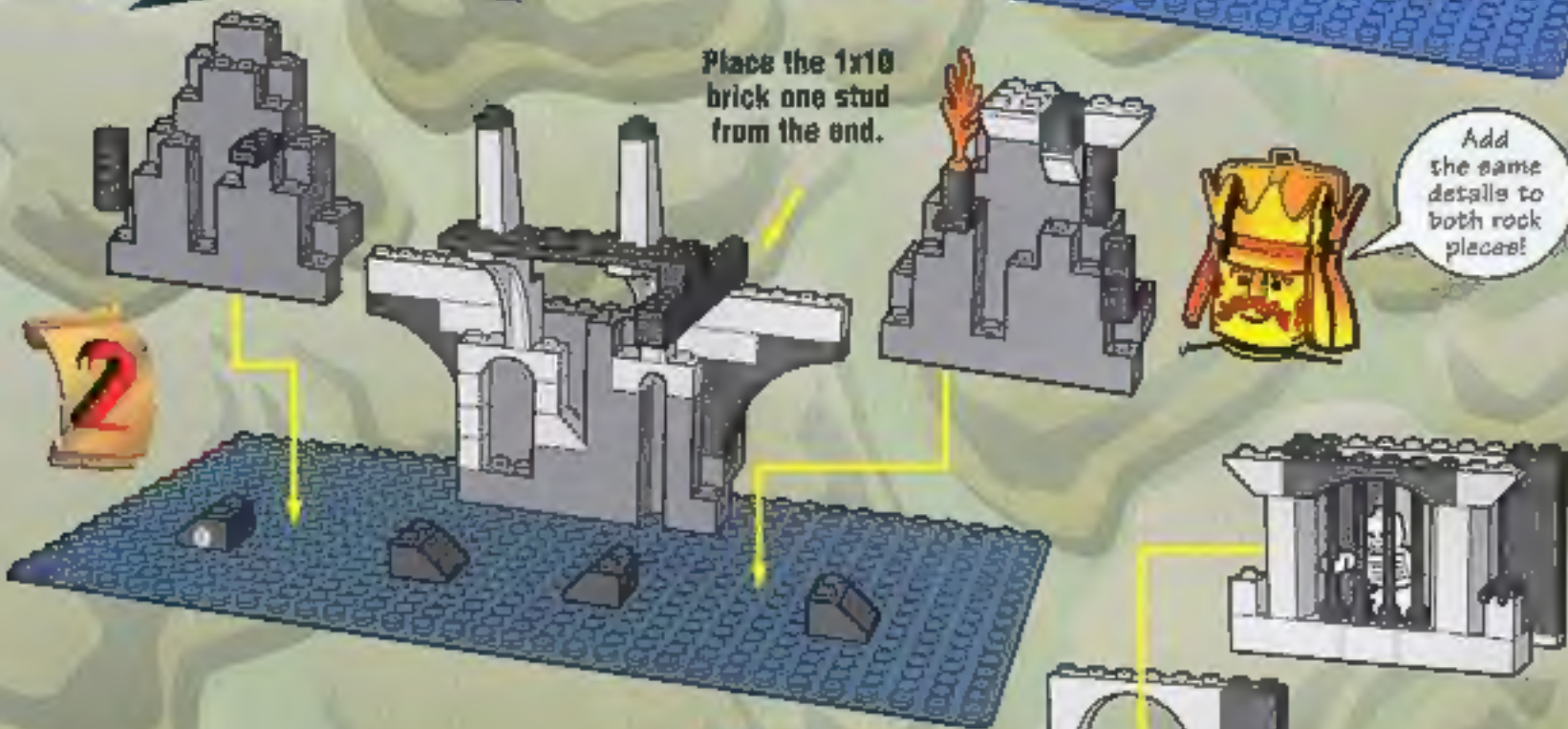
Your design could be featured in Cool Creations.  
Send your original model-making instructions to:  
LEGO Club, "Cool Creations"  
P.O. Box 1308  
Enfield, CT 06083-1308  
Club members featured will receive a  
free set of their choice (\$100 value)

Check  
the spacing between  
bricks put on the  
baseplate!



Place the 1x10  
brick one stud  
from the end.

Add  
the same  
details to  
both rock  
pieces!

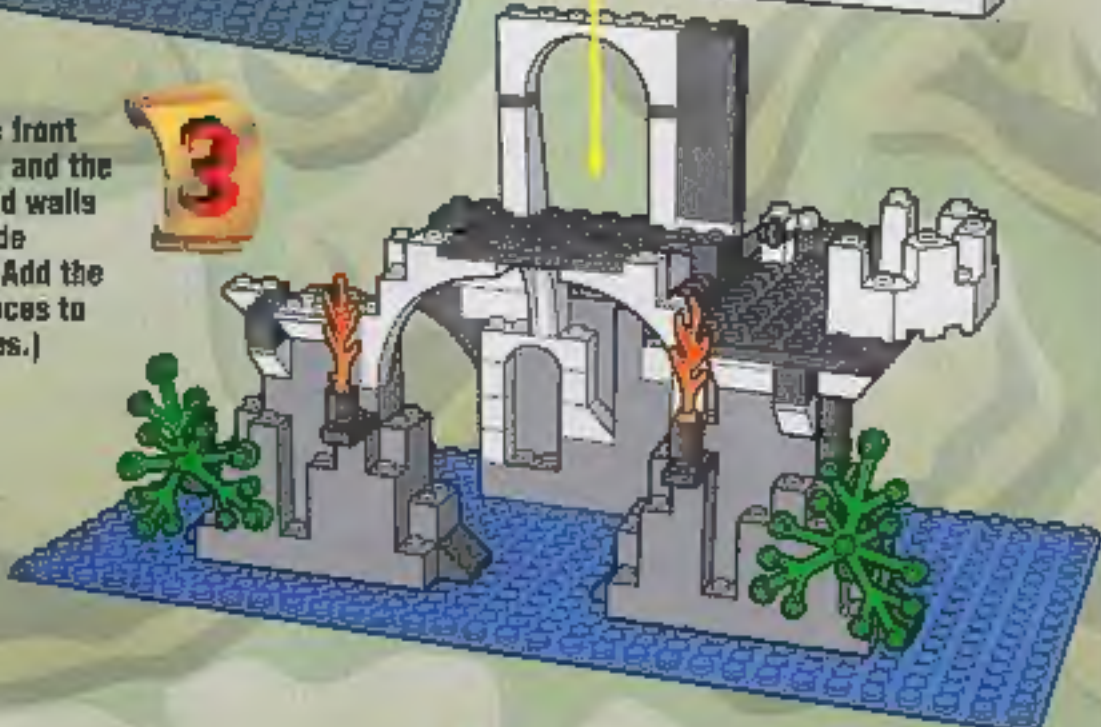


Build the front  
archway, and the  
floors and walls  
of the side  
towers. (Add the  
same pieces to  
both sides.)

What  
galaxy can  
you wear on  
your head?

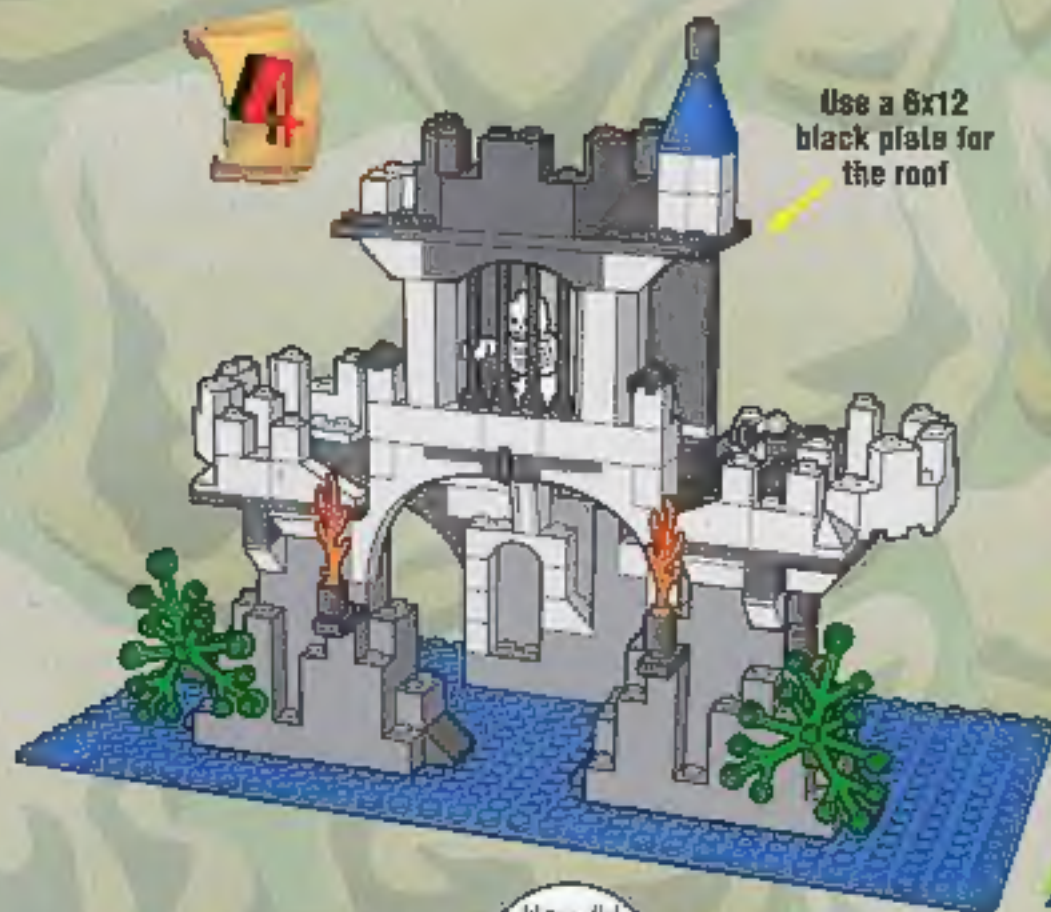
The Galactic  
Galaxy.

Try a blue  
tent here.





# COOL CASTLE



Use a 6x12 black plate for the roof

## One Set Twice the Fun!

Now you can turn the #6078 Royal Drawbridge into a castle! You'll find all the pieces you need in #6078 or use pieces from your own collection.



Add the finishing touches and like magic, you've turned a drawbridge into a castle!



JEFF HARIU OF WISCONSIN AND AARON CARSON OF SOUTH DAKOTA BUILT SOME ROYALLY COOL CASTLES, WHICH INSPIRED THIS COOL CREATION.



Jeff's "Castle of Camelot"



Aaron's "Majisto's Magical Palace"



Try a blue lens here!

Hold a RED lens up to your eye to reveal an alien!



# LOOKIN' FOR Aliens

You're cruising through the Whirlpool Galaxy in your Exploration Starship. You flip on the heat scanning tool and begin searching for signs of alien life. Suddenly, there's a blip on screen. You switch on the alien clue decoder and the laser cannon, just in case the aliens are not friendly.

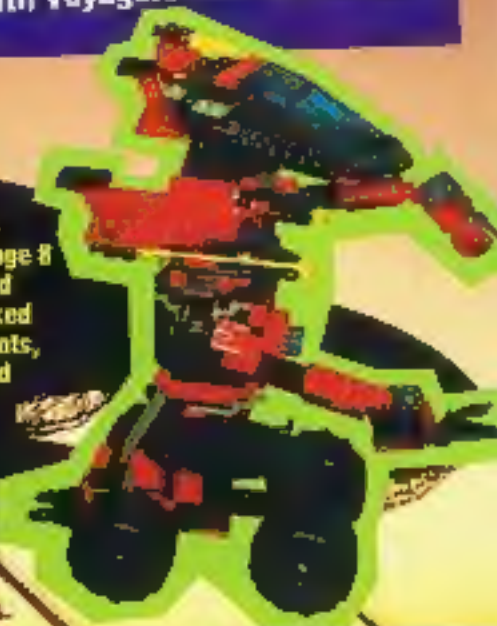
"Star Cruiser" by Daniel Pearl, age 10



Who's looking for aliens?



"Spytron" By Taylor Timberlake, age 8  
It took two days to build this robot, but it's packed with secret compartments, bad guy sensors and rad computers!



Is anybody out there?

The decoder starts flashing and you pick up a strange signal. You see some fuzzy looking pictures of an alien. The alien appears to be a man dressed as a carrot. He says, "Take me to your leader, Earthling." It looks like a really bad show from the early days of television. In fact, it is an old television show.

When television and radio shows are broadcast on Earth, their signals not only go into your house, they also go into outer space. Some of the first shows ever seen on TV are now more than 50 light-years from Earth. (A light-year is how far light travels in a year. Trust us, it's a long way.) Maybe that's why no extraterrestrials (ETs) have contacted us. They've seen "The Adventures of Okey Doky" or "My Mother the Car", and they think there is no intelligent life on Earth.

We've tried to directly contact extraterrestrials only a few times. About 25 years ago, we sent a coded radio signal called the Arecibo Interstellar Message to a star cluster far, far away. The message contained a picture of our solar system, a picture of a human being, and lots of information about Earth.

A few years later, we launched the space probes Voyagers 1 and 2 to study the far planets like Jupiter and Saturn. Right now Voyager 1 is about 6 billion miles from Earth and will soon leave our solar system. Both Voyagers contain special

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Do aliens watch the "Three Stooges"?

messages for any aliens that find the probes. They carry a gold record filled with photos of Earth things, greetings in 54 languages, and the sounds of a humpback whale. The whale sounds were like the ones in Star Trek IV. Let's hope that any advanced civilizations out there have a good, old-fashioned record player.

Even if ETs live in the Milky Way, or another galaxy, they would be hard to find. There are more than 100 billion stars in the Milky Way. And the Milky Way is one of the 10 billion galaxies in the universe. If you whip out your calculators, (Oh No, math time!)  $100 \text{ billion} \times 10 \text{ billion} = 1 \text{ trillion}$ . That's over 1,000,000,000,000 stars to search for aliens.

Because there are so many stars out there, some scientists figure that there could be up to 1 million alien civilizations somewhere in the universe. Since the universe is so big, your chances of bumping into an alien are still pretty slim. It would also take a long time to search a galaxy by traveling in starships. That's why it is important to have good scanning equipment.

#### "Robomac"

by Joshua Leung, age 10  
This robot plans to take over the universe! Only a secret password can stop it, "E-NOS-LIDS"!



#### "Space Finder"

by Dan Chapman  
age 5



On Earth, we search for extraterrestrials with large radio telescopes. We listen for microwave signals (a special form of radio waves) from other civilizations that are beaming through space just like our old TV shows. These searches are like channel surfing the skies for alien signals.

The first Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence (SETI) was done in 1960. Astronomer Frank Drake called his search Project Ozma. He named it after Princess Ozma from the Wizard of Oz books because Oz was a faraway place that was hard to get to and filled with strange beings.



May not, don't invade my space!

## CRACK THE CODE

There have been many ET searches by professional and amateur astronomers. Some searches have turned up unexplained signals that could be from ETs, but none have ever been decoded.

Try decoding some of the cosmic messages hidden in this magazine. Use a secret decoder found in Explorians sets #6899, 6854, 6856, 6958 and 6982 or use some blue and red transparent pieces in your collection, and peek at the coded messages. Like these two!

The Android Base is picking up alien signals!



Who is the strongest star in space?

2000 MUSH  
NOT THE IT



# Search the Stars with the Exp

This menacing starship makes the Starship Enterprise look like a tub toy. It comes with everything you need for finding aliens. It has a powerful search satellite with hologram stickers, a secret clue decoder, and a detachable scanning vehicle. Magnetic arms and claws are real clue grabbers. In case you run into some nasty aliens, there is a movable telescopic laser cannon. When it's time to take-off, the ship's wings fold down and the front compartment tilts.

This high tech hologram satellite dish picks up TV shows from every galaxy.

Members  
Only!

Pull-Out Wall Poster!

Check out the  
holographic heat scan.  
That guy looks like one  
of us, but what he's  
saying is "alien"  
to me.

...the...  
...? ...?

These clues  
are totally  
magnetic.

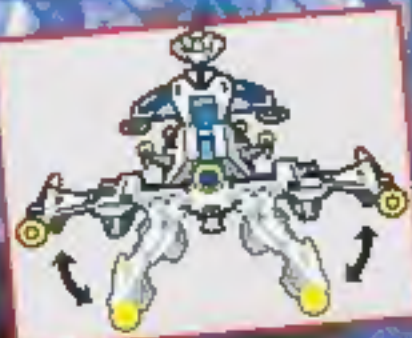
Mini scanning vehicle  
comes off in a snap.



# Explorers Starship #6982

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This telescopic laser cannon is a blast!



Rear wings fold down when it's time to blast off.

Pull out this pin to fold the wing down.

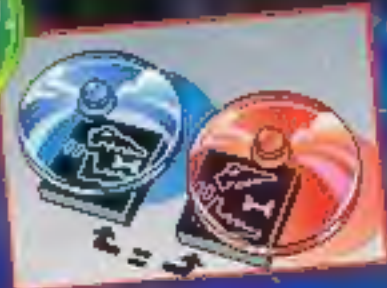


What came first - the alien or the egg? Secret decoding equipment helps you find out.

Launch satellites into space to pick up extraterrestrial secrets!

WHAT DID THE SUN SEE WHEN IT LOOKED IN THE MIRROR?  
 HIDE THE HIDE!  
 • Try it and find out!

Special red and blue decoders detect alien clues.





SEND A PHOTO OF  
YOUR MODEL TO:

# LEGO maniac madness

**LEGO Club**  
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Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Remember to include your name,  
address, age and model name.  
Pictures will not be returned, so  
take an extra photo for yourself!

Try a blue lens here.

Use this address to send  
your LEGO Club photo.

**NICK KENNING**  
Age 7 1/2  
Kansas  
"RC Madness"

**RONNY  
CHAKRABARTY**  
Age 8  
New Jersey  
"Space Robot"

**ROBBIE WALKER**  
Age 11  
Wisconsin  
"Bulldog"

**BRETT  
ARCHIBALD**  
Age 14  
California  
"Coaster Mt."

**STEVEN  
SCHULER**  
Age 6  
California  
"Crystal Defense Lab"





**ELIZABETH MEDINA**  
Age 9  
New York  
"Pocahontas and Filz"

**ALEXANDER JORION**  
California  
"Castle Island"

**MATTHEW LEBER**  
Age 8  
New York  
"Robot Guardian"

**BRANDON SARGENT**  
Age 11  
Wisconsin  
"Space Ship"

**FEDERICO FELICES, Age 12**  
**JAVIER VILLA, Age 12**  
Puerto Rico  
"Paradise Island"

What do cows  
do in outer  
space?

# "COUNT THE COINS" CONTEST WINNERS

Sponsored by: MAMA Magazine

- Travis Barlow - Wisconsin
- Hannah Gogolink - Kansas
- Melody Moody - Arizona
- Curtis Alexander - Florida
- Joshua Winn - Utah
- Chris Schaffer - Iowa
- Michael Greer - Connecticut
- Jeff Nonn - Wisconsin
- Joshua Popp - Illinois
- Jacob Potahl - Minnesota



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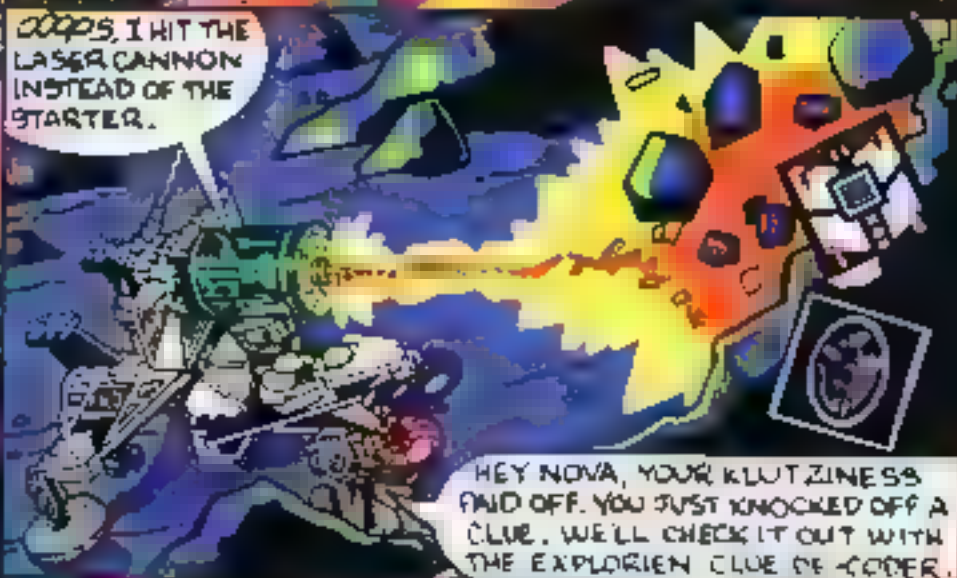
MANIAC, OUR DROID HAS BEEN ROBO-NAPPED WITH AN IMPORTANT ALIEN CLUE.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO LOCATE HER BEFORE THE ROBO-NAPPER GETS THE CLUE.

SEND OUT THE PLANETARY DE-CODER TO SEARCH FOR CLUES.

I'LL GET THE EXPLORIEN STARSHIP FIRED UP AND MEET YOU AT THE MILKY WAY.

OOOPS, I HIT THE LASER CANNON INSTEAD OF THE STARTER.



HEY NOVA, YOUR KLUTZINESS PAID OFF. YOU JUST KNOCKED OFF A CLUE. WE'LL CHECK IT OUT WITH THE EXPLORIEN CLUE DE-CODER.

HEY LOOK... IT'S ANOTHER ALIEN CLUE, AND A ROBO GUARDIAN DISC TOO!

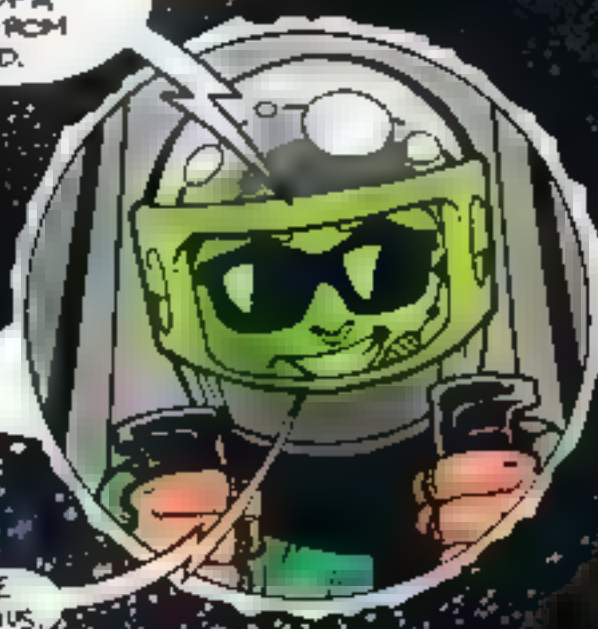


MANIAC, THIS IS NOVA HUNTER. FORGET THE MILKY WAY. WE'LL MEET YOU AT PLANET SPYRIUS. THE ROBO GUARDIAN IS THE ROBO-NAPPER!

AFFIRMATIVE NOVA HUNTER. MY SATELLITE JUST PICKED UP A MESSAGE FROM THE DROID.



SHE'S ON THE PLANET SPYRIUS.







AFTER LANDING HIS EXPLORIEN STARSHIP - THE MANIAC ACTS QUICKLY TO ENTRAP THE ROBO GUARDIAN. HE USES PARTS OF HIS STARSHIP TO BUILD A SUPER STRONG ROBO CAGE.

GOTTA BUILD LIKE--

CRAZY!

THAT OUGHT TO HOLD HIM FOR A FEW THOUSAND LIGHT YEARS.

GREAT RESCUE JOB EXPLORIENS.

THANKS A LOT MANIAC.

VOTE FOR THE EXPLORIENS. WE ARE THE BEST. LOOK - ON - PAGE - 15. FOR THE LEGO CONTEST!

BY MY CIRCUITS I'VE BEEN FRAMED



**MORE**

# COOL CREATIONS

Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send your original model-making instructions to: LEGO Club, "Cool Creations" P.O. Box 1308 Enfield, CT 06083-1308 Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of their choice! (\$100 value)

## LAUNCH RESCUE ROVER

You can build the Launch Rescue Rover by using pieces from #6336 Launch Response Unit, #6514 Launch Evac 1 and #6516 Moon Walker or pieces from your own LEGO collection. Then, when you've finished the "Rover" use the remaining pieces from the 3 Launch Command sets and try the Building Challenge... "LEGO Mission Control."



**1**



**3**



**4**

Launch Rescue Rover is complete!

Bracket for fire hose



**2**

THE BUILDING CHALLENGE

LEGO Mission Control

Once you've finished the Rescue Rover, you can use the remaining pieces from the 3 Launch Command sets to create your own "LEGO Mission Control!" Good Luck!

What does a red giant star drink from?

For Big Dipper

Try a blue team here





# LEGO TECHNIC puts you in the driver's seat!

TECH  
PLAY

Sand Smashing



SUSPENSION



Super Slick



LEGO Technic

With Tech Play models, you can cruise sand dunes, race cars, chase bad guys, or surf the waves. These easy-to-build LEGO TECHNIC models feature large pieces so you can get to the action fast.

And remember that each LEGO TECHNIC set comes with building instructions for two models.

With its spring suspension, the #8207 Dune Buggy bounces smoothly over the dunes, dunes. And its super steering system lets you go doughnuts. Fly through figure 8's or just cruise.

When you want to do some real racing, transform the Dune Buggy into a fast Formula Racer. Just start your engine and hit the pavement. Rev up the alternate Formula Racer with the #8720 Power Pack. The Racer's steering lets you hold the tightest curves.

Motorize the alternate Formula Racer with the power-packed Power Pack #8720!



## DECODE THE PUZZLE AND WIN A PRIZE!

### HOW TO ENTER:

Use the clues to decode the puzzle and mail your entry form by March 15, 1996 to:

LEGO Decoding Contest  
P.O. Box 1625  
Enfield, CT 06083-1625



### HERE ARE THE CLUES!



=A

Apprentice Explorer



=E

Skeleton



=I

Island Knight



=O

Pizza



=U

Explosion Magnetic Clue

PUZZLE! Explorations Will

Sink the Unknowns!

Fill in your answers here!

The first ten randomly selected entries with the correct answer will win a LEGO set of their choice!

### YOU COULD WIN THIS SET!



Don't forget to cast your vote for the LEGO theme you like best.

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Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 1996 and received by March 22, 1996. LEGO Systems, Inc. will only send to each winner a LEGO building set which is properly age-rated for the recipient. Winner will be notified by mail. Offer valid where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. © 1996 LEGO Group.

Just for fun, cast your vote for YOUR favorite! Circle one: Aquanauts Explorations





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on the front  
and back!*

when you  
purchase  
either of  
these new  
Exploriens sets



#6958



#6982

There are 3 ways to get #1130 Exploriens  
T-shirt by mail. Please check one.

- ☐ Get it FREE by purchasing either of these cool, new Exploriens sets: #6982 or 6958. Tape one LEGO Collectors stamp from the building instructions of #6982 or 6958.
- ☐ Get it FREE by purchasing any 2 of these cool, new Exploriens sets: #6899, 6856, or 6854. Tape 2 LEGO Collectors stamps from the building instructions of #6899, 6856, or 6854.
- ☐ I can't wait! Enclosed is a check or money order (payable to LEGO Club): \$11.00 for youth sizes, \$13.00 for adult sizes. No LEGO Collectors Stamps required. Please do not send cash!

Please circle size you wish to order:

Youth Sizes: **M(10-12)** **L(14-16)** Adult Sizes: **S** **M** **L** **XL**

**Mail to:** LEGO Club Exploriens T-shirt Offer,  
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